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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: BURGLARY: SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE COMMENTS ON
PROTECTION OF EMBOFF'S RESIDENCE

REF: PRETORIA 3810

1. WHEN FSO RICHARD BALTIMORE, BLACK OFFICER LIVING IN
"WHITE AREA", RETURNED TO POST AFTER HOME LEAVE, HE
DISCOVERED THAT HIS HOME HAD BEEN BROKEN INTO. ACCORDING
TO THE MAID, WHEN SHE RETURNED FROM A MORNING MEDICAL
APPOINTMENT ON FEBRUARY 9, SHE FOUND THE GLASS DOOR TO
THE LIVING ROOM PARTIALLY OPEN WITH THE BOLT STILL IN THE
LOCKED POSITION. SHE ALSO NOTICED TWO SETS OF FOOTPRINTS
ON THE CARPET IN THE LIVING ROOM. THE CARDENER WAS ON
THE PREMISES WHEN SHE RETURNED AND SAID HE HAD NOT NOTICED
THE OPEN DOOR.

2. A YARD WORKER OF EMBOFF'S NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR TOLD
EMBOFF FEBRUARY 15 THAT HE SAW A CAR WITH "TWO WHITE MEN"
ENTER THE DRIVEWAY ON THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 9. ONE OF
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THE MEN IMMEDIATELY ENTERED THE BACK YARD AND
HEADED TOWARD THE HOUSE WHILE THE OTHER REMAINED IN
THE CAR. (THE LIVING ROOM DOORS CAN NOT BE SEEN
FROM THE ADJOINING YARD.) INTRUDERS WERE APPARENTLY
LOOKING FOR A SPECIFIC OBJECT. AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY
OF PERSONAL LETTERS, ENVELOPES, AND MAGAZINES WERE
REMOVED WHEREAS ITEMS OF OBVIOUS VALUE SUCH AS TWO

STERO SETS, A TYPEWRITER, SEVERAL CASES OF LIQUOR,
A PORTABLE TV, SEVERAL HUNDRED RECORDS, AND CLOTHING
WERE NOT TOUCHED. EMBOFF'S MAID CALLED EMBASSY
FEBRUARY 9.

3. EMBOFF RETURNED TO PRETORIA FEBRUARY 15, REPORTED
BURGLARY TO SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE FEBRUARY 16, AND
MADE FORMAL STATEMENT ON 17TH. POLICE SENT A
BURGLARY SQUAD AND FINGERPRINT EXPERT TO HOME ON 17TH
AND 18TH. FOLLOWING AN INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES
OFFICERS SAID EMBOFF APPEARED TO BE "TARGETED BY A
GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS" AND URGED THAT EMBASSY SECURE
PREMISES WITH BURGLAR ALARM AND FULL-TIME GUARD.

4. EMBOFF PASSED POLICE RECOMMENDATIONS ON TO EMBASSY
FOR CONSIDERATION. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, SAME
EMBOFF HAD OVER ONE POUND OF SUGAR DEPOSITED IN GAS
TANK OF CAR IN 1977.
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